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SUBJ: B&B FISHERIES - MIMI B

REF: GUAYAQUIL 49 AND PREVIOUS

1. GOOD NEWS. MIMI B SAILED WITH LARRY CREWS AND FOUR CANADIAN PASSENGERS AT 2000 JANUARY 16 FROM MANTA. THIS FOLLOWED INTENSIVE FOUR DAYS OF SETTLING LIEN, PAYING PORT CHARGES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS BILLS IN MANTA, CLEARING IMMIGRATION, OBTAINING FUEL ETC. CONGEN COMMERCIAL OFFICER SPENT TWO DAYS IN MANTA EARLY IN WEEK ASSISTING WITH DEPARTURE PROCEDURES, WISH TO NOTE OUTSTANDING HELP OF LOCAL BANK IF AMERICA REP SELLARS WITH SEVERAL ASPECTS OF DEPARTURE AND ARRANGING FOR FUEL, AND WITH LOGISTICAL ASSISTANCE BY INEPACA (VAN CAMP) IN MANTA. IT PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING TO NOTE IMPORTANT VOLUNTARY EFFORTS BY THESE AMERICAN BUSINESSES TO ASSIST, EVEN WHERE NOT EXPECTED, WITH LITTLE OR NO GAIN TO THEMSELVES.
2. MIMI B ENROUTE TO TUMACO, COLOMBIA AND THEN TO PANAMA. PURPOSE OF VISIT TO TUMACO IS ATTEMPT TO RENDEZVOUS WITH PATRICIA B. PANAMA STOP REQUIRED FOR MORE FUEL (ALREADY ARRANGED WITH CHEVRON) AND TO MEET CREWS' WIFE WHO LEFT BEHIND IN GUAYAQUIL WAITING FOR MONEY TO PAY HOTEL (\$2700-2800) WHICH EXPECTED SHORTLY. SHE WILL THEN FLY TO PANAMA.

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3. SETTLEMENT OF LIEN 24 HOURS AFTER DEPARTURE OF MIMI B

REQUIRED PAYMENT OF \$40,000 TO PERUVIAN FIRM NYON TECHNICAL, \$5,000 TO DR. AROSEMENA, AND \$4,500 IN SETTLEMENTS TO B&B REP SEMINARIO.

4. THROUGHOUT LAST FEW DAYS, MANTA PORT OFFICIALS EXCEPTIONALLY HELPFUL TO CREWS IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS, PAYING BILLS, USING PHONES FOR LONG DISTANCE CALLS, AND GENERALLY FACILITATING DEPARTURE. THIS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF PORT CAPTAIN ABARCA WHO LOANED 500 GALLONS OF FUEL TO MIMI B FROM GOE NAVAL VESSEL BEFORE FORMAL APPROVAL FOR FUEL OBTAINED FROM DIRECTOR OF HYDROCARBONS IN QUITO. IN ADDITION, PORT AUTHORITY WAIVED ALL CHARGES FOR JANUARY AS GESTURE OF GOOD WILL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE CONTACT SEAN E. O'BRIEN, 344 WESTLINE DR., APT. C301, ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA 94501, TEL: 415-523-3960 TO DETERMINE STATUS OF FUNDS O'BRIEN IS SUPPOSED TO WIRE HERE FOR MRS. CREWS' HOTEL BILL AND PLANE TICKET.

6. WE ALL WISH MIMI B "BUEN VIENTO Y BUENA MAR".
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